



## Mayor's Report



**Robert Fiala**  
Mayor/Safety Director

As we approach the end of 2021, it is appropriate to reflect on this year's successes and opportunities for the future. We started this year anticipating the end of the pandemic but were disappointed it still lingered over the recent months. However, conversations with our local businesses, merchants, restaurants, and bars indicate that commerce was close to, if not better, than pre-pandemic levels. Still, severe labor shortages and supply chain issues have been causing incredible challenges. The City witnessed these during our summer road construction program with contractor delays on several projects. Fortunately, all roadwork started this past summer is complete. While this may remain an issue, we will adjust our seasonal programs to accommodate labor and supply issues.

We were delighted to see new businesses open in our  
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## Willoughby Parks & Recreation: Holiday Event Dates

### Now through December 7 | Entire city | Willoughby 12 Homes of Holiday Lights Contest

Do you go a little bit wild with the Christmas lights on your home? If so this competition may be for you, just follow the steps below:

1. Enter the contest by 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday Dec. 7
2. Then take a photo of your decorated home & email it to: parksandrec@willoughbyohio.com by Dec. 8
3. Have your house prepared for Judging by Thursday Dec. 9; for judging around 6-8 pm that night.
4. We will post one photo of the top 12 homes each night from Dec. 10-21
5. On Christmas Eve we will Announce the Winning Homes in two categories.

Prize: A Gift Card will be given to the Judges & People's Choice Award Winners. Your address will be posted on the City website for residents to view & enjoy your home while they judge for the people's choice award.

### Now through December 7 | Entire city | North Pole Calling

Imagine your child's excitement when they get a phone call from The North Pole!

This program is hosted by Parks & Recreation and Willoughby Lions Clubs. Children between 3 years of age and second grade can receive a call by filling out the form; your child will receive a call from either Santa, Mrs. Claus or one of Santa's Elves. Calls will be made between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Look for "City of Willoughby" on your caller ID. As the calls will be routed through the city phone bank.

Visit <https://willoughbyohio.com/events/> for a fillable form.

### Thursday, December 2 | 7:00 pm | DTW | Holiday Lighting

### Ceremony

Enjoy the lights being turned on in Willoughby! Come and enjoy dinner in a restaurant or do some holiday shopping in a store then watch DTW transform into a magical wonderland.

### Friday, December 3 | 5:30-7:30 pm | Family Cookie Decorating

Join us for a fun filled evening of cookie decorating for the holidays! Each family will receive 1 dozen premade cookies and supplies to decorate their cookies. At the end of the night you will have beautiful Christmas cookies to take home. A pizza dinner is included. Fee for up to 4 family members; additional members are \$5/person and will receive 4 cookies. What a great way to celebrate the holidays!

Willoughby Senior Center, 36939 Ridge Road

\$35 Family of 4/\$30 resident family of 4; \$5/additional person—Includes pizza dinner & all supplies

### Saturday, December 4 | 10:00-11:30 am | Kids Holiday Crafts

Jump into the Holiday Season with fun holiday themed crafts! Our instructors will guide participants while creating holiday themed crafts, paintings and more. Participants will have the opportunity to create decorate ornaments for their loved ones. Program is intended for Children in grades K-3. Come join the fun!!

For children in grades K-3  
Willoughby Senior Center, 36939 Ridge Rd.

\$15 / \$12 Resident discount— all supplies included

### Saturday, December 4 or December 11 | 8:30-10:00 am or 11:00 am-12:30 pm | Breakfast with Santa

Santa is eating breakfast in

Willoughby at Lost Nation Golf Course and he wants you there too! Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee plus a photo for every child which will be delivered digitally. Pre-registration is required.

Lost Nation Golf Course, 38890 Hodgson Rd.

\$14 per person / \$12 per person for a resident; A cash bar will be available for Bloody Mary's or Mimosas

### December 10-21 | Entire city | Willoughby 12 Homes of Holiday Lights Contest

Check out the participants on the city's website and then enjoy a ride around town viewing the lights. You can be part of the hoopla by voting for the People's Choice Award. To vote, visit Willoughby Parks & Recreation's facebook page and click the "like" for your favorite house. Winner's will be announced on Christmas Eve via facebook.

### Saturday, December 11 | 10:00 am—4:30 pm | Castle Noel

See amazing Christmas window displays from New York City Department Stores. Squeeze down a chimney just like Santa does, and enjoy the magic of everything Christmas at Castle Noel. Lunch is on your own at a local Medina Restaurants. The bus will pick up and return at the Willoughby Senior Center upper lot, 36939 Ridge Rd.

\$37 / \$32 Resident discount; lunch is on your own.

### Tuesday, December 14 or 21 | 7:00 pm | Holiday Painting Class

Jump into a night of painting with your very own personal Art Teacher on Zoom! Art Instructor, Jenna Brasdovich, will lead you or your child through a hour-long paint sessions!

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INCLUDED! Participants will receive a canvas, paint, and brushes; everything needed to complete their paintings. A link with instructions on how to join the zoom session will be sent prior to the start of the program.

Youth Class is December 14 and Adult Class is December 21

Fee: \$30 / Resident Discount \$25

### December 18 & 19 | 10:00 am—3:00 pm | Santa Parade via Firetruck

YES! Santa will be riding through Willoughby on a fire truck to spread cheer to all the girls and boys of Willoughby. Our elves will be collecting canned goods for the Willoughby Food Pantries. Routes will be published on the city's website on December 13.

### Dec. 28, 29, & 30. Lifeguard Training

Learn lifesaving and leadership skills while becoming qualified for a job as a Lifeguard. Must be at least 15 years of age on the last day of the class. Price includes online blended learning, a pocket mask, and a two-year certification. Students complete a 8 hour online course must pass prerequisite swimming skills, attend every session of the class, and pass written and practical skills tests.

Ages 15 years of age by the last day of the class.

Class Time: 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. each day.

Class Fee: \$175 / Resident Discount \$165

Class Room at: Willoughby Senior Center 36939 Ridge Rd. Willoughby OH.

To Register or get more information on these or other exciting programs contact:

Willoughby Parks and Recreation (440) 953-4200 or Register online at: [willoughbyohio.activityreg.com](http://willoughbyohio.activityreg.com)

# Nelson Electric and Air LLC Installs Car Chargers

The technology used in electric car charging stations is improving each year. They are becoming more powerful and include extra features that make them easier and more efficient to use. Anyone that drives an electric car and wants to charge it at home, you will need to install an EV charger. When it comes to the different types of charging cables, you have the choice of a 120V (level 1) or 240V (level 2) charger. Some brands even state that the upgrade can be up to 5 times quicker in some cases which is the best option as it provides faster charging, which is far more desirable. Upgrading to a level 2 EV charger is highly advised as the performance benefits compared to standard chargers makes it an excellent investment. We can install a new charger or upgrade an existing charger.

Do you have a light switch that has been out forever, a dead outlet,

or a ceiling fan that doesn't work? We do the little jobs that no one else wants to do. We are residential electricians. So what is the difference? General electrical work in Ohio does not require licensing. Specifically, only commercial contractors in Ohio need a license to work. Electrical contractors are licensed by the state and can install,

## Volunteers Needed at University Hospitals Lake Health

University Hospitals Lake Health is seeking individuals interested in donating their time to volunteer at many of our facilities.

Volunteers are not directly exposed to anyone with COVID-19. If you are interested in making a difference in people's lives, making new friends or giving back to our community

repair, or alter all forms of electrical equipment. In Ohio, you need five years of experience with a licensed electrician before you can apply for an electrical contractor license. There are a few ways that you can gain that experience. You could work as an apprenticeship for a few years, attend trade school and apply for entry-level positions, or simply

please contact our office! All volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

For more information, call Volunteer Services Department UH TriPoint Medical Center in Concord 440-354-1665 or UH West Medical Center in Willoughby 440-953-6049.

**Contact:**  
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climb the industry ladder in your local area. Apprenticeships teach you the basics of electrical wiring, equipment usage, and electrical theory. Residential electrician, take a course offered at several colleges in Ohio and coupled with experience can practice general electrical repairs and replacements in a home.

So that is what Nelson Electric and Air does. We do general repairs and installations in the home. We install ceiling fans, repair lamps, change out light fixtures to new LED fixtures etc. We can update electrical boxes, run a 220 line for your dryer or hot tub. Run wiring for security cameras, install electric heaters in your garage. These are typical jobs that commercial

electricians do not want to deal with. We are covered by liability insurance, 500 to a million-dollar coverage. We will provide references upon request. We are respectful of your home and clean up our workspace before we leave. We have 30 years of experience.

We also install Air vending machines that fill car tires. We typical install these in gas stations and car washes for free and the owner gets 35% of the revenue generated. We collect and maintain and repair these Air machines. The owner has no responsibility and no financial obligation. We think outside the box and we are open to install these machines in any business that thinks they can benefit from them.

Call Rocky at 440 477 4696 for info.

## Mayor

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Lakeshore District and our historic downtown. In addition, we are in discussions with other companies looking to invest or expand in our community. A significant success this year is the sale of the former Union High School to Liberty Development. Working in cooperation with Willoughby-Eastlake Schools, the City selected and negotiated a land sale with Liberty Development, a Cleveland area development firm. Their proposal is noteworthy because, beyond the renovation of the former high school, the project includes

for-sale, fee simple townhomes. Their proposal is by far the lowest impact proposal for this property.

We are also happy to announce the completion of the "Bridge" at the intersection of Erie Street and Mentor Avenue. This artwork serves as a gateway to our Historic Downtown and is the first piece of public art installed in the City in recent years. It also signals our commitment to maintaining our downtown as a family-friendly, arts-centric location. The only area in Lake County actively using the arts to develop an experience economy.

We will continue our investment in the arts with our recently adopted Public Art Code, which created a commission to evaluate all projects within the City and a funding source for these projects.

Finally, we look forward to our engagement with our local business community next year. We are beginning to schedule meetings to ask how we can help support their growth and show our commitment to their success.

Despite the obstacles faced over the past months, it has been an excellent year for Willoughby. We have seen significant achievements, and we are developing new goals for next year. As a city, we are fortunate to have dedicated professionals at City Hall, including Finance, Service, Building, Parks and Rec, Police, and Fire. Equally important is a City Council committed to serving its constituents.

It is an excellent time of the year to give thanks, and from the administration, City Council, and my family, we wish you a wonderful holiday season.

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**December 5th, 2021 | Winter Wonderland | 10am - 3pm**

For photo sessions on this date, families will be offered the opportunity to take their photo sessions WITHOUT Santa. Pets will be set upon a lovely backdrop

that is winter wonderland themed for the most perfect holiday photo. There will only be 30 sessions available on December 5th and families MUST book in advance. Each session will be offered in 5-minute increments and the rooms will be sanitized and cleaned between sessions. *Santa will NOT be present on the 5th.*

**December 12th, 2021 | Sessions with Santa | 10am - 3pm**

For photo sessions on this date, families will be offered the opportunity to have photo sessions WITH Santa. Jolly old St. Nicholas will make for the perfect addition to pets holiday

photo. There will only be 30 sessions available on December 12th and families MUST book in advance. Each session will be offered in 5-minute increments and the rooms will be sanitized and cleaned between sessions.

All sessions are \$30 each and include 2 electronic photos, holiday frame, treats and a festive pet stocking full of goodies (while supplies last). Printed photos may be purchased at the event for an additional \$5 each.

Registration is now open and all attendees MUST register in advance. For more information, please visit [lakehumane.org](http://lakehumane.org).



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# Bankruptcy 101:

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who are being bothered and harassed by creditors and how to end that now so you do not have to deal with it over the holidays or ever.

When you retain (hire) a bankruptcy lawyer you are now a "represented individual" which gives you certain rights and powers that you did not have before. First and foremost, it gives you the power to direct

the debt collectors to talk to your attorney. If they disregard this and continue to call you or harass you in any way- you may be able to sue. You also have an attorney available to advise you when legal problems with creditors arise. You have a legal professional who concentrates in the area of bankruptcy on your side.

Currently, as a holiday promotion we are offering to start your case for only \$100.00. Our retainer is regularly \$300.00. This means you will have retained us as your attorneys and ALL COLLECTION CALLS MUST BE STOPPED. If the creditors do not stop calling we will intervene aggressively on

your behalf.

You can rest assured you and your family will not be bothered during the holiday season. We will handle the creditor calls for you. When the New Year arrives you are put on a liberal payment plan that is affordable to you and we continue to monitor your case. When your fee is paid in full we file the case. We are available to help you whenever needed.

I hope that no one needs this service but if you do please feel free to set up a free initial consultation with our bankruptcy attorney. The consultation is entirely free and there is no obligation to make any type of commitment or decision. We will not recommend bankruptcy unless absolutely necessary for

your financial survival based on your specific circumstance. Your case will be evaluated and you will be advised as to what is in your best interest.

Since this promotion is geared to provide individuals and families with peace of mind throughout the holiday season this promotion will expire on midnight December 31, 2021.

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Upon high school graduation, CCP students can continue on to complete an associate degree or certificate at Lakeland or transfer directly to any Ohio four-year college, including four-year partner programs available through Lakeland's Holden University Center.

Admission into the program is open to students who have clearly demonstrated the ability to handle college-level coursework. Successful CCP students typically have good self-management skills, excellent class attendance and no disciplinary problems. Students must meet college-ready scores on a state identified assessment

exam. Test prep resources are available at [lakelandcc.edu/web/about/test-prep](http://lakelandcc.edu/web/about/test-prep).

On Lakeland's campus, CCP students participate in student organizations and hold leadership positions, including:

- Honors Program participants
- Orientation leaders
- Outstanding Student award recipients
- Lakeland representatives at national mathematics competitions
- Membership in Lakeland's honors societies

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There is no better time than now to get items repaired before the holidays. Making sure your home is in tip-top shape for guests.

Willoughby's handyman company keeps hearing from customers "we planned on getting this done anyway, so it just makes sense to do it now."

They have staff working tirelessly to get Willoughby residents serviced before the holidays. Some common

service this time of year are toilet mainentence calls and mailbox repairs. Monthly Upkeep Handyman also offers assembly services on furniture and other ready to assemble items.

They currently have customers booking into the into of next year for kitchen and bathroom remodels. These customers understand that by locking in the price now they are making sure they are getting the best price with prices on the rise. They also understand the sooner they get the planning started the smoother the project will go.

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All programs begin at 11:00 a.m. at The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby, followed by the luncheon at noon in the lobby. Covid protocols will be respected.

The menu is Hungarian Chicken Paprikash over egg noodles, garden salad, rolls with lemon squares for dessert.

Women's Committee members Paul Holm, CEO of The Fine Arts, and Roy Smith, Board President of The Fine Arts will be host servers.

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Searching for a policy will take some investigative skills on your part. Here are some ideas to help you begin your search:

**Take advantage of policy locators.** While there is no national data base for insurance policies, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners provides a free website that is a good place to begin. Go to <https://eapps.naic.org/life-policy-locator/> to use the policy

finder tool. If you think the policy may have been purchased in Canada, try contacting the Canadian Ombudservice for Life and Health Insurance for information.

**Search reputable websites.** Insurance companies are supposed to reach out to beneficiaries when the policyholder dies, but sometimes they cannot track down the right people. After a period, they turn the benefits over to the state's unclaimed property program. [Missingmoney.com](http://Missingmoney.com) or [unclaimed.org](http://unclaimed.org) may provide some answers. Both organizations match people up with money that may be owed to them from various sources.

Comb through old paperwork and email files. Look through old records for billing statements,

account summaries and other communications from any insurance companies if you have access to these records.

**Contact past employers and groups.** Contact old employer/s, fraternal organizations, labor union, credit union, and pension plans.

**Contact professionals.** Talk to the deceased's attorneys, accountants, investment advisors, bankers, business insurance agents/brokers and other financial professionals who may be able to help with the search.

Privacy regulations control who can request information about another person's finances. In general, the only ones who will be able to access a deceased's

financial information including insurance policy documents include:

- The executor of a person's estate
- The deceased's next of kin
- Named beneficiaries to any life insurance policies

This is a good reminder for you to always keep important documents in a safe place and prepare a paper trail of all your investments and insurance policies. In this way, you can make sure your estate, no matter how big or small, goes to the people you choose.

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## Purple Heart Returned to Willoughby Family after 77 years

The Hodgson family has lived in Willoughby and Mentor for the past seven generations. David and Margaret Hodgson came to Willoughby in 1852 in north Willoughby on what is now Lost Nation Road. To avoid having to go "all the way" to downtown Willoughby to get to Mentor back then, David decided to make a road connecting the two communities. This road became Hodgson Road, which runs between Lost Nation and Reynolds Road.

In recent years, their great-great-grandsons, Howard and William Hodgson, have done extensive research on their family's origins and have posted their findings on Ancestry.com. The brothers have been able to trace their lineage all the way back to 1783 England.

This past July, a gentleman from Phoenix, Arizona reached out to Howard through Ancestry.com about a medal he found while riding his bicycle. As it turned

out, this medal was a Purple Heart awarded to Howard and William's uncle, Lloyd Hodgson, following his death in World War II. The Purple Heart never made it back to Lloyd's family until now. Thanks to the kindness of the man from Phoenix, Lloyd's Purple Heart has been returned to the family after 77 years.

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### Reduce Holiday Stress

Make sure everyone understands your caregiving situation and has realistic expectations about what you can do. Do not pressure yourself by trying to do everything you did in the past.

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### HOT TIP...Winter is Coming

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2. Our kids Twigbee shop (registration & payment for the

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## Audubon Seeks Counters for Christmas Bird Census

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The object of the CBC is to count all the bird species and number of birds in a 15-mile diameter circle in one 24-hour period between December 14 and January 5. Anyone living within the circle can also report birds at their feeder.

To be assigned to a team covering a specific area on foot or in a vehicle, or to report backyard feeder counts, contact Dan Donaldson, the compiler for Blackbrook's circle, at [danook057@yahoo.com](mailto:danook057@yahoo.com). He will provide details on how to join the virtual gathering later in the day, rather than the traditional lunch at noon, where everyone can share stories of the day's census.

Blackbrook's CBC circle extends from Lost Nation Airport to Western Perry, Lake Erie south to Holden Arboretum and Big Creek Park in Geauga County.

Blackbrook Audubon's territory covers Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake counties. The Burton CBC held in Geauga County will be Sunday, January 2, 2022. Linda Gilbert, the primary compiler and a naturalist with Geauga Park District, can be reached at [lgilbert@geaugaparkdistrict.org](mailto:lgilbert@geaugaparkdistrict.org). Dan Best will assist with the compiling of lists for the Burton count.

The Ashtabula CBC, centered just east of Kingsville, will be Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Marc Hanneman compiles this count which covers both Ashtabula and Conneaut Harbors, as well as several Ashtabula County Metroparks. Contact Marc at

[marchanneman@embarqmail.com](mailto:marchanneman@embarqmail.com) to help with that count.

Circles for the count stretch from Arctic Bay, Baffin Island in Canada to a NOAA research vessel in the Drake Passage at the southern-most tip of South America; as far west as Guam in the Pacific to the eastern tip of Brazil. Census takers in the NEO circles share the same mission and may count on the same day as birders in some of these far-off places.

View a map of active CBC circles at <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count>.

For more information on the local Audubon chapter, visit [blackbrookaudubon.org](http://blackbrookaudubon.org).

The Christmas Bird Count is the longest-running community science project in North America and helps biologists monitor bird population trends. Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman proposed a new holiday tradition - a "Christmas Bird Census" when people would count birds rather than hunt them.

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## BASIC PACKAGE

**\$176 average price**

- Federal Return
- State Return
- City Return
- E- file
- Direct Deposit
- Kids Return \$69 (Federal, State, City) with parents return

## EARNED INCOME

### CREDIT PACKAGE

#### EIC

**\$272 average price**

- Federal Return
- State Return
- City Return
- All EIC Forms ( usually 5-6 extra forms)
- E- file
- Direct Deposit

## SOLE PROPRIETOR

### PACKAGE

**\$274 average price**

#### Schedule C, Self Employment/ Gig Workers

- Federal Return
  - State Return
  - City Return
  - E- file
  - Direct Deposit
- EACH ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE C \$60.00

## RENTAL PROPERTY

### PACKAGE

#### Schedule E

**\$274 average price**

- Rental Property
  - Federal Return
  - State Return
  - City Return
  - E- file
  - Direct Deposit
- EXTRA RENTAL PROPERTY \$60.00 EACH

## BUSINESS OWNERS

### PACKAGE

**\$388 - \$688 average price**

S-Corps, C-Corps, Partnerships  
Non Profits, Multi-Member LLC's

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